

REMARKS

Claims 289-300, 308-312, 319-321, 327-330, 338-345 and 368 are pending in the instant application.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required restriction of claims 289-300, 308-312, 319-321, 327-330, 338-345 and 368 under 35 U.S.C. § 121. More specifically, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following groups, as described below:

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| Group I | Claims 289-300, 308-312, 319-321 and 327-330 drawn to evaluating a proposed transaction of electric power between a provider and a customer, classified in class 705, subclass 412. |
| Group II | Claims 338-345 and 368 drawn to evaluating a proposed transaction of electric power between providers and customers, and shifting obligations and power supply between two providers, classified in class 705, subclass 412. |

The Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I. Claims 338-345 and 368 are hereby withdrawn without prejudice to pursue these claims in divisional applications.

The Director is authorized to charge the fee for the one-month petition for extension of time to Deposit Account No. 50-0540. No other fee is believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper. However, if any fee is due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

Respectfully submitted,

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